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SPACER PARTICLE DISPERSION

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One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-102848 citing such documents indicating the degree of relevance found by the Japanese Patent Office.

It is noted that six of the seven references cited in the Japanese Office Action were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of December 21, 2004, and thus are not being submitted again.

A complete English translation of the foreign language document is being submitted herewith, and therefore no concise explanation for this foreign language document is required.

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